## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

Introduced by: Weinzapfel

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Visitation Saturday program.

Whereas, Approximately 1,500,000 persons are in nursing homes throughout the United States;

Whereas, A survey in the Evansville area indicated that approximately one-third of all nursing home patients are not visited regularly, and ten percent of the nursing home patients are not visited at all;

Whereas, One of the best measures of any society is the quality of care given to the very young and the very old;

Whereas, Our society has made great progress in the care of our very young and very old, but there is room for

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Whereas, It is the duty of every able-bodied citizen to spend some time each month visiting those who need attention so that they do not feel that they have been forgotten; and

Whereas, The basic purpose of a nursing home visit is to communicate love to the patient; the Visitation Saturday program is an excellent way to ensure that all nursing home patients feel this love: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes the value of the Visitation Saturday program established by the city of Evansville and encourages all citizens of Indiana to follow suit and visit someone in a nursing home or other facility that could be sick, lonely, or struggling without any encouragement from the outside.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Stewart Elliott.

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